

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,502,746 to Do et al. (hereafter, “Do et al.”).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Do et al. discloses a device, system and method for extracting deposited items from a secure enclosure, such as the envelope bin of an ATM/CAT safe, makes use, for example, of computer hardware and software applications, as well as one or more secure access devices, card devices, transponder devices, input devices, control mechanisms, transport bins, and transport devices, to modify or field retrofit an existing ATM/CAT to enable removal of items without opening the safe door. The modified ATM/CAT enables a service person, for example, to enter a retrieval request, which is received by a control device, and the control device automatically opens an access port of shutter of the ATM/CAT safe and automatically activates a transport mechanism to transport items out of the safe to be received by the service person or a secured access bin docked, for example, with the access port.

FIG. 1 shows shutter 30 inside safe 2 which is positioned over the deposited item retrieval slot 14, and is normally in a closed position, but openable to permit retrieval of the deposited items 16, as disclosed in column 8, lines 26-29. Thus, the shutter 30 is used to permit initial entry of bags into the safe, while in the present invention the shutter is used to permit bags which

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have already been accepted into the receiving portion, to enter the cassette, as recited in claims 2 and 8.

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to recite that the control portion writes information for said placed bas to the storing portion of said cassette by using a writing portion of said cassette housing, which is not disclosed in **Do et al.**

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 13-24 have been allowed, and claims 3 and 9 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claims 3 and 9 have been amended to be in independent form.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1, 3-7 and 9-24, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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